

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A television-based internet viewing system, comprising:

a web appliance with an internet connection;

a television screen displaying internet content from the web appliance;

5 a plurality of lines interposed on the internet content displayed on the television screen dividing the viewing area into a plurality of selectable areas each with an identifier, wherein the web appliance is responsive to the identifier entered to perform steps of:

10 if an identifier is properly entered the corresponding viewing area being enlarged.

2. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 1, wherein the identifier is a number.

3. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 1, wherein the web appliance is responsive to an identifier inputted by a remote control device.

15 4. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 1, wherein the lines are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.

5. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 1, wherein the lines are an external overlay to the surface of the television screen.

6. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 1, wherein the identifiers are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.

7. A method for viewing internet content on a television screen, the method comprising:

5 adding a plurality of graphical lines to an internet content display dividing the internet content into a plurality of sections;

adding a corresponding identifier to each of the sections;

enlarging a selected sections along with bordering areas to the size of the previous displayed internet content responsive to an inputted identifier.

10 8. A television-based internet viewing system comprising:

a web appliance with an internet connection;

a television screen displaying internet content from the web appliance;

a plurality of graphical lines interposed on the internet content displayed on the television screen dividing the viewing area into a plurality of selectable areas each with

15 an identifier;

a remote control device in which a desired identifier can be transmitted by the user, the web appliance being responsive to the identifier entered, if an identifier is properly entered a link in the corresponding selectable area being chosen.

9. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 7, wherein the identifier is a number.

10. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 7, wherein the lines are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.

5 11. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 7, wherein the lines are an external overlay to the surface of the television screen.

12. The television-based internet viewing system of claim 7, wherein the identifiers are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.

10 13. A method for viewing internet content on a television screen comprising the steps of:

adding a plurality of graphical lines to an internet content display dividing the internet content into a plurality of sections;

adding a corresponding identifier to each of the sections; and

15 selecting a link appearing in a selected section of the internet content responsive to an inputted identifier.

14. A web appliance, comprising:

a means to add a plurality of graphical lines and identifiers to internet content;

a means to display the modified internet content on a television screen;

a means to enlarge a desired area of the internet content as selected by a user and display the enlarged area on the television screen; and

a means to select a link appearing in a defined area of the internet content as selected by a user.

5           15. The web appliance of claim 14, wherein the identifier is a number.

16. The web appliance of claim 14, wherein the lines are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.

17. The web appliance of claim 14, wherein the lines are an external overlay to the surface of the television screen.

10           18. The web appliance of claim 14, wherein the identifiers are added to the visual signal by the web appliance.